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Amend House File 655, as amended, passed, and 2 reprinted by the House, as follows:

- Page 6, by striking line 4 and inserting <or 4 site, but may require propagation maps solely for the 5 purpose of identifying the location of the coverage or 6 capacity gap or need for applications for new towers in 7 an area zoned residential.>
- Page 6, by striking lines 13 through 19 and 8 9 inserting:
- 10 Notwithstanding paragraph "b", an authority 11 shall require an applicant applying for the 12 construction of a new tower to provide an explanation 13 regarding the reason for choosing the proposed 14 location and the reason the applicant did not choose 15 collocation. The explanation shall include a sworn 16 statement from an individual who has responsibility 17 over placement of the tower attesting that collocation 18 within the area determined by the applicant to meet the 19 applicant's radio frequency engineering requirements 20 for the placement of a site would not result in the 21 same mobile service functionality, coverage, and 22 capacity, is technically infeasible, or is economically 23 burdensome to the applicant.>
- Page 7, by striking lines 9 and 10 and inserting 25 <of an application, unless the fee charged is in 26 compliance with this section.>
- Page 7, by striking lines 26 through 28 and 28 inserting <application for more than one trip to the 29 authority's jurisdiction, and an applicant shall 30 not be required to pay or reimburse an authority 31 for consultant or other third-party fees based on a 32 contingency-based or result-based arrangement.>
- 33 Page 7, by striking lines 32 through 35 and 34 inserting <towers or transmission equipment can be 35 removed, unless requirements are>
- 6. By striking page 8, line 32, through page 9, 37 line 1, and inserting:
- 38 All records, documents, and electronic data 39 in the possession or custody of authority personnel 40 are subject to chapter 22. Disclosure of such records 41 shall be consistent with applicable state law.>
- 42 Page 10, by striking lines 31 and 32 and 43 inserting <personnel are subject to chapter 22. 44 Disclosure of such records shall be consistent with 45 applicable state law.>
- 46 Page 12, by striking line 12 and inserting 8. 47 <least twenty years, but all or a portion of the land 48 may be subject to release for public purposes after 49 fifteen years.>
 - 9. Page 13, line 19, by striking <airport or

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1 authority> and inserting <airport, aviation authority,</pre>
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      10. Page 13, after line 29 by inserting:
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             . NEW SECTION. 8C.9 Repeal.
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      This chapter is repealed July 1, 2020.>
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      11. Page 13, after line 29 by inserting:
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      <Sec. . APPLICABILITY. This division of this
 8 Act applies to applications submitted on or after the
9 effective date of this division of this Act.>
      12. Page 18, after line 16 by inserting:
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              STATEWIDE BROADBAND COORDINATION
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              . Section 8B.1, Code 2015, is amended by
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14 adding the following new subsections:
      NEW SUBSECTION. 01. "Broadband" means a
16 high-speed, high-capacity electronic transmission
17 medium, including fixed wireless and mobile wireless
18 mediums, that can carry data signals from independent
19 network sources by establishing different bandwidth
20 channels and that is commonly used to deliver internet
21 services to the public.
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      NEW SUBSECTION.
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23 means the physical infrastructure used for the
24 transmission of data that provides broadband services.
25 "Broadband infrastructure" does not include land,
26 buildings, structures, improvements, or equipment
27 not directly used in the transmission of data via
28 broadband.
      NEW SUBSECTION. 0001. "Communications service
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30 provider means a service provider that provides
31 broadband service.
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33 same as defined in section 717A.1.
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                            "Targeted service area" means
35 a United States census bureau census block located
36 in this state, including any crop operation located
37 within the census block, within which no communications
38 service provider offers or facilitates broadband
39 service at or above twenty-five megabits per second of
40 download speed and three megabits per second of upload
41 speed as of the effective date of this Act.
            ___. Section 8B.1, subsection 1, Code 2015, is
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43 amended to read as follows:
          "Information technology" means computing and
45 electronics applications used to process and distribute
46 information in digital and other forms and includes
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48 services, infrastructure services, broadband and
49 broadband infrastructure, and value-added services.
      Sec. ___. Section 8B.3, subsection 1, Code 2015, is
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1 amended to read as follows:

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The office is created for the purpose of 3 leading, directing, managing, coordinating, and 4 providing accountability for the information technology 5 resources of state government and for coordinating 6 statewide broadband availability and access.

7 Section 8B.4, Code 2015, is amended by Sec. 8 adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 14A. Streamline, consolidate, 10 and coordinate the access to and availability of 11 broadband and broadband infrastructure throughout the 12 state, including but not limited to the facilitation 13 of public-private partnerships, ensuring that all 14 state agencies' broadband and broadband infrastructure 15 policies and procedures are aligned, resolving issues 16 which arise with regard to implementation efforts, and 17 collecting data and developing metrics or standards 18 against which the data may be measured and evaluated 19 regarding broadband infrastructure installation and 20 deployment.

NEW SUBSECTION. 14B. Administer the broadband 22 grant program pursuant to section 8B.11.

NEW SUBSECTION. 14C. Coordinate the fiberoptic 24 network conduit installation program established in 25 section 8B.25.

Sec. Section 8B.9, Code 2015, is amended by 27 adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. An annual report regarding 29 the status of broadband expansion and coordination, 30 the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and communities 31 broadband grant program established under section 32 8B.11, and the adequacy of the speed set in the 33 definition of targeted service area in section 8B.1.

. NEW SECTION. 8B.10 Targeted service 35 areas — determination — criteria.

- The determination of whether a communications 37 service provider offers or facilitates broadband 38 service meeting the download or upload speeds specified 39 in the definition of targeted service area in section 40 8B.1 shall be determined or ascertained by reference 41 to broadband availability maps or data sources that 42 are widely accepted for accuracy and available for 43 public review and comment and that are identified by 44 the office by rule.
- The office shall establish procedures to allow 46 challenges to the office's finding on whether an area 47 meets the definition of targeted service area.
- NEW SECTION. 8B.11 Connecting Iowa 49 farms, schools, and communities — broadband grants — 50 fund.

- The office shall administer a broadband grant 2 program to award grants to communication service 3 providers that reduce or eliminate targeted service 4 areas by installing broadband infrastructure in 5 targeted service areas in accordance with this section.
- A connecting Iowa farms, schools, and 7 communities broadband grant fund is established in the 8 state treasury under the authority of the office. 9 fund shall consist of moneys available to and obtained 10 or accepted by the office. Moneys in the fund are 11 appropriated to the office to be used for the grant 12 program.
- 13 The office shall use moneys in the fund to b. 14 provide grants to communication service providers 15 pursuant to this section. The office shall use moneys 16 in the fund to leverage available federal moneys if 17 possible.
- c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund 19 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close 20 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain 21 available for expenditure for the purposes designated 22 until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.
- Communication service providers may apply to 24 the office for a grant pursuant to this section for 25 the installation of broadband infrastructure that 26 facilitates broadband service at or above twenty-five 27 megabits per second of download speed and three 28 megabits per second of upload speed in targeted service The office shall include representatives from 29 areas. 30 schools, communities, agriculture, industry, and other 31 areas as appropriate to review and recommend grant 32 awards. The office shall conduct an open application 33 review process and include a public internet site for 34 applications, results, and performance.
- The office shall award grants on a 4. a. 36 competitive basis after considering the following:

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- (1) The relative need for broadband infrastructure 38 in the area and the existing broadband service speeds.
- (2) The percentage of the homes, farms, schools, 40 and businesses in the targeted service area that will 41 be provided access to broadband service.
- (3) The geographic diversity of the project areas 43 of all the applicants.
 - (4) The economic impact of the project to the area.
- (5) The applicant's total proposed budget for the 45 46 project, including the amount or percentage of local 47 match, if any.
 - Other factors the office deems relevant. (6)
- Except as otherwise provided in this section, 50 the office shall not evaluate applications based on

- 1 the office's knowledge of the applicant except for the 2 information provided in the application.
- The office shall not award a grant pursuant 4 to this section that exceeds fifteen percent of the 5 communication service provider's project cost.
- The office shall provide public notice regarding 7 the application process and receipt of funding.
- 7. The office shall not award a grant pursuant to 9 this section on or after July 1, 2020.
- 10 The office shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 11 17A, including but not limited to the broadband grant 12 program process, management, and measurements as deemed 13 necessary by the office.
- NEW SECTION. 8B.25 Fiberoptic network Sec. 15 conduit installation program.
 - For purposes of this section:

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- "Fiberoptic network conduit" means a pipe, vault, 18 or duct used to enclose fiberoptic cable facilities 19 buried alongside a roadway or surface mounted on a 20 bridge, overpass, or other facility where placement 21 below ground is impossible or impractical. ``Fiberoptic 22 network conduit does not include electronics or cable.
- "Public funding" does not include a tax exemption 24 authorized under section 427.1, subsection 40.
- c. "Where such conduit does not exist" means that 26 private or publicly owned fiberoptic cable is not 27 currently within a linear range of five hundred feet or 28 less in any one direction.
- 29 The office shall lead and coordinate a program 30 to provide for the installation of fiberoptic network 31 conduit where such conduit does not exist. The chief 32 information officer shall consult and coordinate 33 with applicable agencies and entities as determined 34 appropriate to ensure that the opportunity is provided 35 to lay or install fiberoptic network conduit wherever a 36 state-funded construction project involves trenching, 37 boring, a bridge, a roadway, or opening of the ground, 38 or alongside any state-owned infrastructure.
- 39 Contingent upon the provision of funding for 40 such purposes by the general assembly, the office may 41 contract with a nongovernmental third party to manage, 42 lease, install, or otherwise provide fiberoptic network 43 conduit access for projects described in this section. 44 This section does not require coordination with or 45 approval from the office pursuant to this program or 46 installation of fiberoptic conduit as required by this 47 section for construction projects not using public 48 funding.
- NEW SECTION. 8B.26 Broadband permitting 50 process — expeditious response.

Notwithstanding any other provision to the 2 contrary and in compliance with applicable federal 3 laws and regulations, a political subdivision vested 4 with permitting authority shall approve, approve 5 with modification, or disapprove nonwireless, 6 broadband-related permits within sixty business days 7 following the submission of the necessary application 8 requirements. In the event that no action is taken 9 during the sixty-day period, the application shall be 10 deemed approved.

. Section 8D.3, subsection 2, paragraph a, 12 Code $201\overline{5}$, is amended to read as follows:

- 13 The commission is composed of five voting 14 members appointed by the governor and subject to 15 confirmation by the senate. Members Voting members 16 of the commission shall not serve in any manner or be 17 employed by an authorized user of the network or by 18 an entity seeking to do or doing business with the 19 network.
- The governor shall appoint a voting member (1)21 as the chairperson of the commission from the five 22 voting members appointed by the governor, subject to 23 confirmation by the senate.

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- (2) Members Voting members of the commission shall 25 serve six-year staggered terms as designated by the 26 governor and appointments to the commission are subject 27 to the requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 28 69.19. Vacancies shall be filled by the governor for 29 the duration of the unexpired term.
- (3) The salary of the voting members of the 31 commission shall be twelve thousand dollars per year, 32 except that the salary of the chairperson shall be 33 seventeen thousand dollars per year. Members Voting 34 members of the commission shall also be reimbursed 35 for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the 36 performance of duties as members. The benefits and 37 salary paid to the voting members of the commission 38 shall be adjusted annually equal to the average of the 39 annual pay adjustments, expense reimbursements, and 40 related benefits provided under collective bargaining 41 agreements negotiated pursuant to chapter 20.

Section 8D.3, subsection 2, paragraph b, 43 Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

b. In addition to the members appointed by the 45 governor, the The auditor of state or the auditor's 46 designee and the chief information officer appointed 47 pursuant to section 8B.2 or the chief information 48 officer's designee shall serve as a nonvoting, ex 49 officio member members of the commission.

Sec. . Section 8D.4, Code 2015, is amended to

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8D.4 Executive director appointed.

The commission, in consultation with the director 4 of the department of administrative services and the 5 chief information officer, shall appoint an executive 6 director of the commission, subject to confirmation 7 by the senate. Such individual shall not serve as a 8 member of the commission. The executive director shall 9 serve at the pleasure of the commission. The executive 10 director shall be selected primarily for administrative 11 ability and knowledge in the field, without regard to 12 political affiliation. The governor shall establish 13 the salary of the executive director within range nine 14 as established by the general assembly. The salary 15 and support of the executive director shall be paid 16 from funds deposited in the Iowa communications network 17 fund.

18 . Section 80.28, subsection 2, Code 2015, 19 is amended to read as follows:

- 2. The board shall consist of fifteen nineteen 21 voting members, as follows:
- 22 The following members representing state 23 agencies:
- (1) One member representing the department of 25 public safety.
- (2) One member representing the state department of 27 transportation.
- (3) One member representing the department of 29 homeland security and emergency management.
- (4) One member representing the department of 31 corrections.
- (5) One member representing the department of 33 natural resources.
- (6) One member representing the Iowa department of 35 public health.
- (7) One member representing the office of the chief 37 information officer created in section 8B.2.
- (8) One member representing the Iowa law 39 enforcement academy created in section 80B.4.
- The governor shall solicit and consider 41 recommendations from professional or volunteer 42 organizations in appointing the following members:
- 43 (1) Two members who are representatives from 44 municipal police departments.
- (2) Two members who are representatives of 46 sheriff's offices.
- (3) Two members who are representatives from fire 48 departments. One of the members shall be a volunteer 49 fire fighter and the other member shall be a paid fire 50 fighter.

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(4) Two members who are law communication center
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(005) One member representing emergency medical service providers.

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PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES AND ASSESSMENT . Section 421.1A, subsection 3, Code 2015, 12 is amended to read as follows:

13 At the election of a property owner or aggrieved 14 taxpayer or an appellant described in section 441.42, 15 the property assessment appeal board shall review any 16 final decision, finding, ruling, determination, or 17 order of a local board of review relating to protests 18 of an assessment, valuation, or application of an 19 equalization order, or any final decision of the 20 county board of supervisors relating to denial of an 21 application for, or the revocation of, a property tax 22 exemption pursuant to section 427.1, subsection 40. 23

. Section 421.1A, subsection 4, Code 2015, Sec. 24 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. Ob. Affirm or reverse a final 26 decision of a county board of supervisors relating to 27 denial of an application for, or the revocation of, a 28 property tax exemption under section 427.1, subsection 29 40.

Section 427.1, Code 2015, is amended by Sec. 31 adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 40. Broadband infrastructure.

- The owner of broadband infrastructure shall be 34 entitled to an exemption from taxation to the extent 35 provided in this subsection. For the purposes of this 36 subsection, "broadband infrastructure" and "targeted 37 service area mean the same as defined in section 8B.1.
- The exemption shall apply to the installation 39 of broadband infrastructure that facilitates broadband 40 service at or above twenty-five megabits per second 41 of download speed and three megabits per second of 42 upload speed commenced and completed on or after July 43 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2020, in a targeted service 44 area, and used to deliver internet services to the 45 public. A person claiming an exemption under this 46 subsection shall certify to the local assessor prior 47 to commencement of the installation that the broadband 48 installation will take place within a targeted service 49 area and shall specify the current number of homes,

50 farms, schools, and businesses in the targeted service

- 1 area that were offered broadband service and the 2 download and upload speeds available prior to the 3 broadband infrastructure installation for which the 4 exemption is claimed and the number of homes, farms, 5 schools, and businesses in the targeted service area 6 that will be offered broadband service and the download 7 and upload speeds that will be available as a result of 8 installation of the broadband infrastructure for which 9 the exemption is claimed.
- 10 The tax exemption shall be a one hundred percent C. 11 exemption from taxation for a period of ten years in an 12 amount equal to the actual value added by installation 13 of the broadband infrastructure.
- For companies assessed by the department of 14 15 revenue pursuant to chapter 433, the exemption shall be 16 limited to an amount equal to the actual value added 17 by installation of the broadband infrastructure as of 18 the assessment date as determined by the department and 19 the exemption shall be applied to the unit value prior 20 to any other exemption applicable to the unit value, as 21 determined under that chapter.
- (1) An application for an exemption shall be 22 e. 23 filed by the owner of the property with the department 24 of revenue by February 1 of the year in which the 25 broadband infrastructure is first assessed for 26 taxation, or the following two assessment years, and 27 in each case the exemption is allowed for ten years. 28 Applications from applicants whose property is subject 29 to assessment by the department pursuant to chapter 30 433 shall be reviewed by the department. All other 31 applications shall be reviewed by the applicable county 32 board of supervisors. The department shall forward 33 those applications for exemption that are subject 34 to review by the county board of supervisors to the 35 county board of supervisors of each county in which the 36 property is located.
- (2) In lieu of subparagraph (1), and 37 38 notwithstanding any provision in this subsection 39 to the contrary, an owner may at any time before 40 completion of the project submit a proposal to the 41 department requesting that the department or the board 42 of supervisors, as applicable, allow the owner to file 43 an application for exemption by February 1 of any other 44 assessment year following completion of the project, 45 which year shall be selected by the department or the 46 board, as applicable. If the department approves or if 47 the board, by resolution, approves the proposal, the 48 exemption is allowed for ten years.
- (1) The application shall be made on forms 50 prescribed by the department. The application

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- 1 shall contain but not be limited to the following 2 information:
- (a) The nature of the broadband infrastructure 4 installation.
- (b) The percentage of the homes, farms, schools, 6 and businesses in the targeted service area that will 7 be provided access to broadband service.
- The actual cost of installing the broadband 8 9 infrastructure under the project, if available. 10 The application shall contain supporting documents 11 demonstrating the actual cost.

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- (d) Certification from the office of the chief 13 information officer pursuant to section 8B.10 that 14 the installation is being performed or was completed 15 in a targeted service area. Certification from the 16 office of the chief information officer that broadband 17 infrastructure installed in a targeted service area 18 facilitates broadband service at or above twenty-five 19 megabits per second of download speed and three 20 megabits per second of upload speed.
- (e) Certification of the date of commencement and 22 actual or estimated date of completion.
- (f) A copy of any nonwireless broadband-related 24 permit issued by a political subdivision.
- If applying pursuant to paragraph "e", (q) 26 subparagraph (2), the actual cost already incurred 27 for installation of broadband infrastructure, if any, 28 the estimated costs for project completion, and the 29 estimated date of project completion. The application 30 shall contain supporting documents demonstrating the 31 actual cost.
- (2) The department and the board of supervisors 33 shall not approve applications that are missing 34 any of the information or documentation required in 35 subparagraph (1). The department or the board of 36 supervisors may consult with the office of the chief 37 information officer to access additional information 38 needed to review an application.
- (3) The department or the board of supervisors, as 40 applicable, shall, by March 1, notify an applicant of 41 approval or denial of an application for an exemption 42 under this subsection and shall also notify the 43 applicant of the applicant's right to an appeal.
- (4) The board of supervisors shall forward all 45 approved applications and any necessary information 46 regarding the applications to the appropriate local 47 assessor by March 1 annually. After the tax exemption 48 is granted, the department or the local assessor, as 49 applicable, shall continue to grant the tax exemption 50 for ten years, and applications for exemption for

- 1 succeeding years shall not be required.
- 2 (5) An applicant for a property tax exemption whose 3 application was reviewed by the board of supervisors 4 may appeal denial of the application to the property 5 assessment appeal board within thirty days of the 6 issuance of the denial.
- 7 (6) An applicant for a property tax exemption whose 8 application was reviewed by the department may appeal 9 denial of the application to the director of revenue 10 within thirty days of the issuance of the denial.
- (7) At any time after the exemption is granted and the broadband service is available in a targeted service area, the department or the board of supervisors, as applicable, under the direction of the office of the chief information officer, may require the property owner receiving the exemption to substantiate that the owner continues to provide the service described in paragraph "b". If the department or the board of supervisors determines that the property owner no longer provides the service described in paragraph "b", the department or the board of supervisors shall revoke the exemption. An owner may appeal the decision to revoke the exemption in the same manner as provided in subparagraphs (5) and (6), as applicable.
- g. (1) If a company whose property in the county is not assessed by the department of revenue is approved to receive a property tax exemption pursuant to this subsection, the actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure shall be determined by the local assessor who shall certify the amount of exemption determined to the county auditor at the time of transmitting the assessment rolls.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a company in which all or a portion of the company's property in the county is assessed by the department pursuant to chapter 433 and the company's property in the county is approved to receive a property tax exemption pursuant to this subsection, the department shall assess all the company's property in the county used for operating telegraph and telephone lines, broadband, or cable systems for each assessment year the company receives the exemption, for purposes of determining the actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure.
- 46 h. The director of revenue shall adopt rules 47 pursuant to chapter 17A for the interpretation and 48 proper administration of the exemption provided in this 49 subsection.
- 50 Sec. ___. Section 433.8, Code 2015, is amended to

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l read as follows:
      433.8 Assessment in each county — how certified.
      The director of revenue shall, for the purpose
 4 of determining what amount shall be assessed to each
 5 company in each county of the state into which the line
 6 of the said company extends, certify to the several
 7 county auditors of the respective counties into,
 8 over, or through which said line extends the number
 9 of miles of line in the county for that company, the
10 actual value per mile of line for that company, and
11 the exemption value per mile of line for that company
12 for exemptions received pursuant to section 427.1,
13 subsection 40, section 433.4, or any other exemptions.
14 In no case, however, shall the taxable value of the
15 property be reduced below zero.
            __. RULES. The office of the chief
17 information officer shall adopt rules pursuant to
18 chapter 17A to certify that the installation of
19 broadband infrastructure meets the requirements under
20 section 427.1, subsection 40, as enacted in this
21 division of this Act, for purposes of receiving a
22 property tax exemption.
      Sec. . IMPLEMENTATION.
                                  Section 25B.7 shall not
24 apply to this division of this Act.
      Sec. . APPLICABILITY. This division of this
26 Act applies to assessment years beginning on or after
27 January 1, 2016.
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      Sec. . Section 423F.3, subsection 6, Code 2015,
31 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:
      NEW PARAGRAPH. Oc. Additionally,
33 infrastructure includes the acquisition or
34 installation of information technology infrastructure.
35 For purposes of this paragraph, "information technology 36 infrastructure" means the basic, underlying physical
37 framework or system necessary to deliver technology
38 connectivity to a school district and to network school
39 buildings within a school district.
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44 otherwise provided, this Act, if approved by the
45 governor on or after July 1, 2015, takes effect upon
46 enactment.
      Sec. ___. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. Unless
48 otherwise provided, this Act, if approved by
49 the governor on or after July 1, 2015, applies
50 retroactively to July 1, 2015.>
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- 4 inserting <and by providing for the coordination and
- 5 facilitation of broadband access in targeted areas of
- 6 the state, including property tax incentives,>
- 7 15. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting
- 8 internal references as necessary.

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